

1-1 By: Noble, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 793
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2023;
 1-3 April 13, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 & Human Services; May 3, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 3, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the selection and reimbursement of certain persons
 1-20 providing services required under a service plan filed by the
 1-21 Department of Family and Protective Services.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 263, Family Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 263.1021 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 263.1021. SELECTION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF SERVICE
 1-26 PROVIDER. (a) A parent who is required to complete a service plan
 1-27 under this subchapter may obtain services from a qualified or
 1-28 licensed provider selected by the parent.

1-29 (b) Services obtained from a provider selected under
 1-30 Subsection (a):

1-31 (1) must be designed to achieve the stated goals of the
 1-32 service plan; and

1-33 (2) may be provided through an electronic
 1-34 communication platform.

1-35 (c) A service provider selected by a parent shall certify in
 1-36 writing whether the parent has satisfactorily completed the
 1-37 required service.

1-38 (d) The department shall reimburse a service provider
 1-39 selected by the parent under Subsection (a) who is not under
 1-40 contract with the department in an amount equal to the average cost
 1-41 for the specific service from department contractors providing the
 1-42 service in the region where the parent resides.

1-43 (e) The department shall:

1-44 (1) adopt rules relating to the manner in which
 1-45 providers are reimbursed for services provided under this section;
 1-46 and

1-47 (2) implement this section using existing resources.

1-48 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2023, the Department
 1-49 of Family and Protective Services shall adopt the rules required by
 1-50 Section 263.1021(e), Family Code, as added by this Act.

1-51 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-52 a suit filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services on
 1-53 or after the effective date of this Act. A suit filed by the
 1-54 department before that date is governed by the law in effect on the
 1-55 date the suit was filed, and the former law is continued in effect
 1-56 for that purpose.

1-57 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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